

January 29, 2018

Tasha Wallis Lamoille County Planning Commission Morrisville, VT

John Mandeville Lamoille Economic Development Corporation Morrisville, VT

Re: USDA Rural Development; Feasibility Study; Anaerobic Digester

Dear Ms. Wallis and Mr. Mandeville:

The Town of Hyde Park offers its enthusiastic support for the U.S.D.A. Rural Development for a Rural Business Development Grant application to obtain funding to undertake a comprehensive feasibility study to locate an anaerobic digester in our region.

The Selectboard discussed this matter on January 29, 2018 and voted unanimously to provide this letter. We understand that the purpose of the grant will be to identify location(s) to best accommodate a treatment facility that can handle the BOD waste products produced by breweries, distilleries and cheesemakers in Lamoille County and beyond. One brewery that would benefit from this project operates in Hyde Park, Ten Bends Brewery, and the Town is very supportive of anything that will allow them to grow and prosper.

Our community of 3,000 residents recognizes the need for regional cooperation, assisting in private business development, when appropriate, and investing in capital infrastructure, for current and future generations. This grant opportunity will support the continued growth of a valuable sector of the Vermont economy and meet these priorities.

If deemed feasible, the Town would continue to be committed to the project and provide our support to facilitate successful project implementation. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Ron Rodýrnski

Ron Rodjenski, Hyde Park Town Administrator on behalf of the Hyde Park Selectboard